

Tony Colon served twenty years, retiring as a Captain and Astronautical Engineer in the United States Air Force. In addition to the demands of his service, Tony enjoyed challenging his body through weightlifting, martial arts, hiking and hunting.

About twenty-seven years ago, Tony got into an accident that broke his neck in two places, resulting in several degenerative conditions. He ignored these issues for several years, but the pain continued to escalate.

In 1994, Tony underwent a radiofrequency procedure, which deadened the nerves in his neck to ultimately lessen the pain. The procedure reduced his pain by 60%, getting him back to the active lifestyle he was accustomed to. Unfortunately, this wasn't the final solution and the pain returned.

Tony tried several other non-surgical treatments to reduce the constant pain including, inversion to keep his spine stretched, Cenegenics, and hormone and diet practices for energy and strength. By 2013, the pain was debilitating; Tony would get pain down his arms, numb hands and cold fingers.

Tony went to a local Spine Surgeon who determined that there was nothing he could do to help him. Tony's Deputy Commander then recommended Dr. Roger Sung. With his engineering background, Tony was immediately intrigued by LDR's Mobi-C two level disc procedure with its innovative technology and smart design and started the conversation with Dr. Sung. Unlike fusion, Tony's recovery would be shorter and he would gain near full range of motion. Being an athlete, this was imperative.

"Dr. Sung was engaged the whole time with me, he was always there and realistic with me in terms of options and insurance."

Dr. Sung and his team submitted the two-level procedure to Tricare, but were initially denied. But with Tony's encouragement, and Dr. Sung's persistence, they appealed this decision. Within days, Tricare overturned their denial, based on medical necessity and the FDA-approved indications for Mobi-C. "LDR was invaluable during this process," commented Tony, "they provided the information we needed to get this procedure approved."

Tony's two level Mobi-C disc replacement surgery was done at Memorial Hospital's South location. "Memorial Hospital and their staff were good and attentive." Nine days after the surgery, Tony's collar brace was removed.

Five weeks post-surgery, Tony has full range of motion. He can now look to his side for extended periods of time without pain. He can look up and not feel pain. He can now get back to teaching combative arts.

"You don't know a life without pain until your misery is gone – thanks to Dr. Sung and his staff."

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